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### **K-9 DIVISION**

In 2016 the Bay City Police Department had a dual purpose K-9 and as a result of 2 unprovoked dog bites the dog was given back to US K-9. I am looking to restart our K-9 division with a drug/rescue dog that will be trained not to bite. Having a single purpose Narcotics K-9, eliminates that reliance on other agencies and makes the department self-reliant and independent. This will increase the morale and willingness for officers to search harder knowing they have a K-9 Officer to back them up. It empowers citizens to speak up step out and take a stand knowing the Police Department is putting forth effort to help citizens eliminate narcotic problems.

K-9 units generally focused on 5 major scents, Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana, Methamphetamine, and MDMA (ecstasy). This K-9 unit would be trained on 4 major scents; due to current laws passed by legislation and directives from the Matagorda County District Attorney's Office, the exclusion of Marijuana scent would be requested.

Highway 59 is a known narcotic thoroughfare and is continuously worked by a plethora of agencies. Those agencies force drug trafficking to the south and north. Highway 35/60 is open doors within the city and must be shut. In order to do so the Police Department must be equipped with the right equipment to protect the city and its citizens from the narcotic couriers. To accommodate operations that could effectively hinder the transportation and delivery of narcotics is to deploy the K-9 Unit.

The benefit to the city and its citizens is exponential. Seizures from large shipments, the arresting and imprisonment of numerous distributors and the removal of an many drugs off the street as possible will show the citizens we care for their safety and that they can rely on the Department to look out for their wellbeing. Seizures made can alleviate department cost and help fund future projects.

This K-9 was not budgeted in this years budget but have ways to fund the start of our K-9 division. The estimated cost to start this program will be \$20,000. The cost of the dog alone is \$9,500, the training of the officer with the K-9 will be \$3,500. To outfit one of our current patrol units with equipment for the K-9 is estimated \$6,000.

There are several members of the community who are willing to donate money to help purchase the K-9. Whatever money is not received from donations to

purchase the K-9 will be taken from the departments seizure account. The 3,500 for training will come from the departments training budget. The equipment needed to outfit the unit will also come from our seizure account. Vet bills and feed for the K-9 will be taken from the departments operational support budget.